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| Serial No.<br>09/677,074                                                                 | Filing Date<br>September 29, 2000 | Examiner<br>Young Won | Group Art Unit<br>2183 |
| Inventor(s)<br>Scott R. Sargent                                                          |                                   |                       |                        |
| Title of Invention<br><b>BASE SERVICE ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS</b> |                                   |                       |                        |

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- Transmitted herewith is Response to Office Action of December 31, 2003.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
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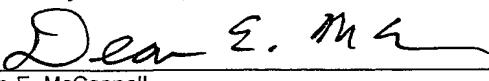
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